

## **The Honorable John H. Chun**

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT TACOMA**

CAMERON ATHAY AND JESSICA  
ATHAY, husband and wife, and the marital  
community comprised thereof,

**Plaintiff,**

V.

STATE OF WASHINGTON, MATTHEW  
CAMMER, in his individual capacity, AND  
JOHN/JANE DOES 1 - 10,

## Defendants.

NO. 3:22-cv-05422-JHC-DWC

**STIPULATED PROTECTIVE ORDER  
REGARDING DISCOVERY  
MATERIALS**

## 1. PURPOSES AND LIMITATIONS

Discovery in this action is likely to involve production of confidential, proprietary, or private information for which special protection may be warranted. Accordingly, the parties hereby stipulate to and petition the court to enter the following Stipulated Protective Order. The parties acknowledge that this agreement is consistent with LCR 26(c). It does not confer blanket protection on all disclosures or responses to discovery, the protection it affords from public disclosure and use extends only to the limited information or items that are entitled to confidential treatment under the applicable legal principles, and it does not presumptively entitle parties to file confidential information under seal.

1       2.     "CONFIDENTIAL" MATERIAL

2           "Confidential" material shall include the following documents and tangible things  
 3 produced or otherwise exchanged: (1) DOC policies designated as Restricted; (2) and any  
 4 document, diagram or photos disclosing the location, nature, or existence of video surveillance  
 5 cameras and surveillance equipment within any DOC prison.

6       3.     SCOPE

7           The protections conferred by this agreement cover not only confidential material (as  
 8 defined above), but also (1) any information copied or extracted from confidential material; (2)  
 9 all copies, excerpts, summaries, or compilations of confidential material; and (3) any testimony,  
 10 conversations, or presentations by parties or their counsel that might reveal confidential material.  
 11 However, the protections conferred by this agreement do not cover information that is in the  
 12 public domain or becomes part of the public domain through trial or otherwise.

13      4.     ACCESS TO AND USE OF CONFIDENTIAL MATERIAL

14       4.1     Basic Principles. A receiving party may use confidential material that is disclosed  
 15 or produced by another party or by a non-party in connection with this case only for prosecuting,  
 16 defending, or attempting to settle this litigation. Confidential material may be disclosed only to  
 17 the categories of persons and under the conditions described in this agreement. Confidential  
 18 material must be stored and maintained by a receiving party at a location and in a secure manner  
 19 that ensures that access is limited to the persons authorized under this agreement.

20       4.2     Disclosure of "CONFIDENTIAL" Information or Items. Unless otherwise  
 21 ordered by the court or permitted in writing by the designating party, a receiving party may  
 22 disclose any confidential material only to:

23           (a)    the receiving party's counsel of record in this action, as well as employees of  
 24 counsel to whom it is reasonably necessary to disclose the information for this litigation;

25           (b)    the officers, directors, and employees (including in house counsel) of the  
 26 receiving party to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this litigation, unless the parties

1 agree that a particular document or material produced is for Attorney's Eyes Only and is so  
2 designated;

3 (c) experts and consultants to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this  
4 litigation and who have signed the "Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound" (Exhibit  
5 A);

6 (d) the court, court personnel, and court reporters and their staff;

7 (e) copy or imaging services retained by counsel to assist in the duplication of  
8 confidential material, provided that counsel for the party retaining the copy or imaging service  
9 instructs the service not to disclose any confidential material to third parties and to immediately  
10 return all originals and copies of any confidential material;

11 (f) during their depositions, witnesses in the action to whom disclosure is reasonably  
12 necessary and who have signed the "Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound" (Exhibit  
13 A), unless otherwise agreed by the designating party or ordered by the court. Pages of transcribed  
14 deposition testimony or exhibits to depositions that reveal confidential material must be  
15 separately bound by the court reporter and may not be disclosed to anyone except as permitted  
16 under this agreement;

17 (g) the author or recipient of a document containing the information or a custodian  
18 or other person who otherwise possessed or knew the information.

19       4.3     Prohibited Parties

20       Unless otherwise ordered by the court or permitted in writing by the designating party, a  
21 receiving party shall not disclose any confidential material to:

22 (a) Any inmates incarnated at any DOC facility, including, but not limited to, the  
23 Plaintiff Cameron Athay.

24 (b) Jessica Athay, or any other plaintiffs.

25       4.4     Filing Confidential Material. Before filing confidential material or discussing or  
26 referencing such material in court filings, the filing party shall confer with the designating party

1 to determine whether the designating party will remove the confidential designation, whether the  
 2 document can be redacted, or whether a motion to seal or stipulation and proposed order is  
 3 warranted. Local Civil Rule 5(g) sets forth the procedures that must be followed and the  
 4 standards that will be applied when a party seeks permission from the court to file material under  
 5 seal.

6 **5. DESIGNATING PROTECTED MATERIAL**

7       5.1     Exercise of Restraint and Care in Designating Material for Protection. Each party  
 8 or non-party that designates information or items for protection under this agreement must take  
 9 care to limit any such designation to specific material that qualifies under the appropriate  
 10 standards. The designating party must designate for protection only those parts of material,  
 11 documents, items, or oral or written communications that qualify, so that other portions of the  
 12 material, documents, items, or communications for which protection is not warranted are not  
 13 swept unjustifiably within the ambit of this agreement. Mass, indiscriminate, or routinized  
 14 designations are prohibited. Designations that are shown to be clearly unjustified or that have  
 15 been made for an improper purpose (*e.g.*, to unnecessarily encumber or delay the case  
 16 development process or to impose unnecessary expenses and burdens on other parties) expose  
 17 the designating party to sanctions. If it comes to a designating party's attention that information  
 18 or items that it designated for protection do not qualify for protection, the designating party must  
 19 promptly notify all other parties that it is withdrawing the mistaken designation.

20       5.2     Manner and Timing of Designations. Except as otherwise provided in this  
 21 agreement (see, *e.g.*, second paragraph of section 5.2(a) below), or as otherwise stipulated or  
 22 ordered, disclosure or discovery material that qualifies for protection under this agreement must  
 23 be clearly so designated before or when the material is disclosed or produced.

24       (a)     Information in documentary form: (*e.g.*, paper or electronic documents and  
 25 deposition exhibits, but excluding transcripts of depositions or other pretrial or trial  
 26 proceedings), the designating party must affix the word "CONFIDENTIAL" to each page that

1 contains confidential material. If only a portion or portions of the material on a page qualifies  
 2 for protection, the producing party also must clearly identify the protected portion(s) (e.g., by  
 3 making appropriate markings in the margins).

4           (b) Testimony given in deposition or in other pretrial or trial proceedings: the parties  
 5 must identify on the record, during the deposition, hearing, or other proceeding, all protected  
 6 testimony, without prejudice to their right to so designate other testimony after reviewing the  
 7 transcript. Any party or non-party may, within fifteen days after receiving a deposition transcript,  
 8 designate portions of the transcript, or exhibits thereto, as confidential.

9           (c) Other tangible items: the producing party must affix in a prominent place on the  
 10 exterior of the container or containers in which the information or item is stored the word  
 11 “CONFIDENTIAL.” If only a portion or portions of the information or item warrant protection,  
 12 the producing party, to the extent practicable, shall identify the protected portion(s).

13        5.3 Inadvertent Failures to Designate. If timely corrected, an inadvertent failure to  
 14 designate qualified information or items does not, standing alone, waive the designating party’s  
 15 right to secure protection under this agreement for such material. Upon timely correction of a  
 16 designation, the receiving party must make reasonable efforts to ensure that the material is  
 17 treated in accordance with the provisions of this agreement.

18        6. CHALLENGING CONFIDENTIALITY DESIGNATIONS

19        6.1 Timing of Challenges. Any party or non-party may challenge a designation of  
 20 confidentiality at any time. Unless a prompt challenge to a designating party’s confidentiality  
 21 designation is necessary to avoid foreseeable, substantial unfairness, unnecessary economic  
 22 burdens, or a significant disruption or delay of the litigation, a party does not waive its right to  
 23 challenge a confidentiality designation by electing not to mount a challenge promptly after the  
 24 original designation is disclosed.

25        6.2 Meet and Confer. The parties must make every attempt to resolve any dispute  
 26 regarding confidential designations without court involvement. Any motion regarding

1 confidential designations or for a protective order must include a certification, in the motion or  
 2 in a declaration or affidavit, that the movant has engaged in a good faith meet and confer  
 3 conference with other affected parties in an effort to resolve the dispute without court action.  
 4 The certification must list the date, manner, and participants to the conference. A good faith  
 5 effort to confer requires a face-to-face meeting or a telephone conference.

6.3 Judicial Intervention. If the parties cannot resolve a challenge without court  
 intervention, the designating party may file and serve a motion to retain confidentiality under  
 Local Civil Rule 7 (and in compliance with Local Civil Rule 5(g), if applicable). The burden of  
 persuasion in any such motion shall be on the designating party. Frivolous challenges, and those  
 made for an improper purpose (*e.g.*, to harass or impose unnecessary expenses and burdens on  
 other parties) may expose the challenging party to sanctions. All parties shall continue to  
 maintain the material in question as confidential until the court rules on the challenge.

7. PROTECTED MATERIAL SUBPOENAED OR ORDERED PRODUCED IN OTHER  
 LITIGATION

If a party is served with a subpoena or a court order issued in other litigation that compels  
 disclosure of any information or items designated in this action as “CONFIDENTIAL,” that  
 party must:

(a) promptly notify the designating party in writing and include a copy of the  
 subpoena or court order;

(b) promptly notify in writing the party who caused the subpoena or order to issue in  
 the other litigation that some or all of the material covered by the subpoena or order is subject to  
 this agreement. Such notification shall include a copy of this agreement; and

(c) cooperate with respect to all reasonable procedures sought to be pursued by the  
 designating party whose confidential material may be affected.

1       8. UNAUTHORIZED DISCLOSURE OF PROTECTED MATERIAL

2           If a receiving party learns that, by inadvertence or otherwise, it has disclosed confidential  
 3 material to any person or in any circumstance not authorized under this agreement, the receiving  
 4 party must immediately (a) notify in writing the designating party of the unauthorized  
 5 disclosures, (b) use its best efforts to retrieve all unauthorized copies of the protected material,  
 6 (c) inform the person or persons to whom unauthorized disclosures were made of all the terms  
 7 of this agreement, and (d) request that such person or persons execute the “Acknowledgment  
 8 and Agreement to Be Bound” that is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

9       9. INADVERTENT PRODUCTION OF PRIVILEGED OR OTHERWISE PROTECTED  
 10 MATERIAL

11           When a producing party gives notice to receiving parties that certain inadvertently  
 12 produced material is subject to a claim of privilege or other protection, the obligations of the  
 13 receiving parties are those set forth in Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(b)(5)(B). This  
 14 provision is not intended to modify whatever procedure may be established in an e-discovery  
 15 order or agreement that provides for production without prior privilege review. Parties shall  
 16 confer on an appropriate non-waiver order under Fed. R. Evid. 502.

17       10. NON TERMINATION AND RETURN OF DOCUMENTS

18           Within 90 days after the termination of this action, including all appeals, each receiving  
 19 party must destroy the confidential materials, including all copies, extracts and summaries  
 20 thereof. Notwithstanding this provision, counsel are entitled to retain one archival copy of all  
 21 documents filed with the court, trial, deposition, and hearing transcripts, correspondence,  
 22 deposition and trial exhibits, expert reports, attorney work product, and consultant and expert  
 23 work product, even if such materials contain confidential material. Any such archival copies  
 24 that contain or constitute protected materials remain subject to this Protective Order. The  
 25 confidentiality obligations imposed by this agreement shall remain in effect until a designating  
 26 party agrees otherwise in writing or a court orders otherwise.

1           **IT IS SO STIPULATED, THROUGH COUNSEL OF RECORD.**

2           DATED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of January, 2023.

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24           **PURSUANT TO STIPULATION, IT IS SO ORDERED.**

25           DATED this 25th day of January, 2023.

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David W. Christel  
United States Magistrate Judge

## **EXHIBIT A**

## ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND AGREEMENT TO BE BOUND

I, print or type full name, of print or type full address, declare under penalty of perjury that I have read in its entirety and understand the Stipulated Protective Order that was issued by the United States District Court for the Western District of Washington on enter date in the case of insert formal name of the case and the number and initials assigned to it by the court. I agree to comply with and to be bound by all the terms of this Stipulated Protective Order and I understand and acknowledge that failure to so comply could expose me to sanctions and punishment in the nature of contempt. I solemnly promise that I will not disclose in any manner any information or item that is subject to this Stipulated Protective Order to any person or entity except in strict compliance with the provisions of this Order. I further agree to submit to the jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the Western District of Washington for the purpose of enforcing the terms of this Stipulated Protective Order, even if such enforcement proceedings occur after termination of this action.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

City and State where sworn and signed:

Printed name:

Signature: